

ABOUT YOUR VISIT

Surgical abortion

Please note: you will speak with a health care professional at your appointment about your medical information and all of your options, and you will be given the opportunity to ask questions. You will be given information about what to do in an emergency and information about your birth control needs in the future.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

- At least **24 hours prior** to your appointment you **MUST** access information about the abortion procedure you are undergoing and information on your pregnancy options required by the State of Michigan. [This information can be accessed here.](#) You must print off the time stamped document. **Failure to print out this document, or having a time stamp that is less than 24 hours before your appointment time, will result in the need to reschedule.** You can also access this information by visiting any Planned Parenthood of Michigan location and then bringing that information with you to your appointment. **Failure to bring the information with you will result in the need to reschedule.**
- Please [view the educational video posted here](#) prior to your appointment. Watching this video may answer your questions, prepare you for what to expect, and may decrease the amount of time you are in the health center.
- If you are 18 years or older, you must bring a photo ID showing proof of age to the appointment. We will not be able to provide services without it.
- If you are under the age of 18, you must have parental consent or a judicial bypass to have an abortion in the State of Michigan. If you have parental consent, your parent will need to bring your birth certificate, their photo ID, and your photo ID if you have one (school ID is OK) to the appointment. If you are a minor and obtain a judicial bypass from a judge, you must bring all paperwork and your photo ID if you have one (school ID is OK) to the appointment. If you have questions about parental consent or judicial bypass, please call us at 1 800-230-PLAN (7526) or 734-926-4800.
- It is illegal under Michigan Law to coerce a person to have an abortion. Help is available if you are being threatened or intimidated by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799- SAFE (7233).

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PAYMENT

- Payment is expected at time of service (cash, credit card, or money order; no personal checks). We accept credit cards as long as the cardholder is present.
- Do you need financial assistance? Please call us at 1-800-230-PLAN (7526) or 734-926-4800, and we will screen you to see if you qualify for assistance.
- Do you have Medicaid? Medicaid will not typically cover an elective abortion.
- If you have insurance you would like to use, please call us with your insurance information so that we can verify coverage. We may not be able to verify coverage for abortion services at the time of your appointment, which may mean you will need to pay at the time of service. If we tell you your insurance covers your visit, bring your insurance card to your appointment. Please note that the policy holder of your insurance will be notified of your services.

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- Your visit will likely last several hours. If you are more than 12 weeks pregnant, the appointment may require additional time and can last up to 5 - 6 hours.
- You will be offered pain medication and medication to relax you. If you choose not to, or are unable to take this medication, you will be offered Ibuprofen for pain management. If you decide to take more than Ibuprofen for pain management, you will need a responsible adult to drive you home.
- You are welcome to bring a support person. You will have the option of having a support person with you during your visit.
- You may eat and drink prior to your appointment.
- Do not take any illegal drugs or alcohol prior to your visit.
- You will likely have light bleeding after the procedure. Please dress comfortably. Wearing full brief underwear and clothing that is easy to put on and off, such as sweat pants, is strongly suggested.
- It is preferred and helpful that children do not accompany you to this appointment due to the long visit length. If you must be accompanied by children or babies, a separate responsible adult is required at all times to care for your children in the waiting area.
- If you are late to the appointment, we do reserve the right to reschedule. Give yourself plenty of time to get here.
- To cancel or reschedule your appointment, please call us or cancel your appointment via the website at least 48 hours in advance.

We are here to help. Please call us at 1 800-230-PLAN (7526) or 734-926-4800 with any questions about your appointment.